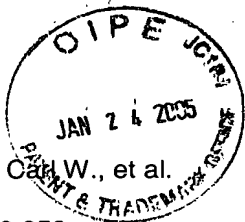


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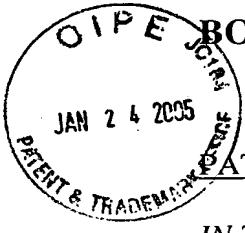
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed December 16, 2004.

The **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.